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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to rules adopted by the state board of  
2 education for the provision and supervision of courses  
3 delivered by means of telecommunications.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 256.7, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code  
2 Supplement 2011, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. The rules shall provide that when the curriculum is  
4 taught by an appropriately licensed teacher at the location at  
5 which the telecommunications originates, the curriculum shall  
6 be received at a remote site shall be under the supervision of  
7 a licensed teacher at any remote site. ~~The licensed teacher at~~  
8 ~~the originating site may provide supervision of students at a~~  
9 ~~remote site or the school district in which the remote site is~~  
10 ~~located may provide for supervision at the remote site if the~~  
11 ~~school district deems it necessary or if requested to do so by~~  
12 ~~the licensed teacher at the originating site.~~ For the purposes  
13 of this subsection, "supervision":

14 (1) "Supervision" means that the curriculum is monitored by  
15 a proctor who need not be a licensed teacher and the teacher  
16 is but shall be accessible to the students receiving the  
17 curriculum by means of telecommunications.

18 (2) "Proctor" means a school librarian, school teacher,  
19 school administrator, school guidance counselor, teacher  
20 assistant, para-educator, or other individuals approved by the  
21 department.

22 Sec. 2. Section 256.7, subsection 7, paragraph c, Code  
23 Supplement 2011, is amended by striking the paragraph.

24 Sec. 3. Section 256.7, subsection 8, Code Supplement 2011,  
25 is amended by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu  
26 thereof the following:

27 8. a. At the discretion of the board of directors of a  
28 school district or the authorities in charge of a school,  
29 after taking into consideration necessity, convenience, and  
30 cost-effectiveness, brokered courses developed by outside  
31 sources may be approved for use by a school district or school.

32 b. Courses used by a school district or school in  
33 accordance with paragraph "a" shall be taught by means of  
34 telecommunications by teachers licensed under chapter 272;  
35 however, if the director determines special circumstances

1 exist, the director may waive this requirement.

2 EXPLANATION

3 This bill directs that the rules adopted by the state  
4 board of education for the use of telecommunications as an  
5 instructional tool for students enrolled in kindergarten  
6 through grade 12 must provide that when the curriculum is  
7 taught by an appropriately licensed teacher at the location  
8 at which the telecommunications originates, the curriculum  
9 shall be received under supervision at any remote site.  
10 "Supervision" is defined to mean that the curriculum is  
11 monitored by a proctor who need not be a licensed teacher, but  
12 shall be accessible to the students receiving the curriculum by  
13 means of telecommunications. "Proctor" is defined to mean a  
14 school librarian, school teacher, school administrator, school  
15 guidance counselor, teacher assistant, para-educator, or other  
16 individual approved by the department.

17 Also, at the discretion of the board of directors of a  
18 school district or the authorities in charge of a school,  
19 after taking into consideration necessity, convenience, and  
20 cost-effectiveness, brokered courses developed by outside  
21 sources may be approved for use by a school district or school.  
22 Such courses shall be taught by means of telecommunications  
23 by teachers licensed under Code chapter 272; however, if the  
24 director of the department of education determines special  
25 circumstances exist, the director may waive this requirement.

26 The bill eliminates language that provides that  
27 telecommunications shall not be used by school districts as  
28 the exclusive means to provide any course which is required  
29 by the minimum educational standards for accreditation, and  
30 a provision that requires the state board to establish an  
31 advisory committee to make recommendations for rules on the use  
32 of telecommunications as an instructional tool.